

City commits to construction of Dayton Bike Yard

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The City of Dayton is committing over \$1 million in federal Community Development Block Grant funds to support construction of the Dayton Bike Yard, a regional attraction that will include mountain bike trails, skill-building challenges, and a competition-level pump track.



The Bike Yard will be located at the 10-acre Welcome Park in Dayton's Carillon neighorhood and will be accessible from Edwin C. Moses Boulevard and Cincinnati Street. In addition to bike features, park improvements will include improved entrances and signage. The first phase of the Bike Yard, the Bicycle Playground for younger riders, was dedicated on Sept. 29.

Notifications for construction bids will be issued in early 2022, with site work expected to begin by mid-year. The total project cost is projected to be \$1.6 million to \$2 million, pending final design choices and fundraising.

To date, the project has raised over \$290,000 in private grants and contributions. The City plans to apply for state grants to supplement current funding and will work with the Miami Valley Mountain Bike Association to raise additional private donations and sponsorships.

Bonbright Distributors, a neighbor to the south of the park, was an early supporter of the Bike Yard vision and continues to be a key community partner.

The City of Dayton is committed to neighborhood accessibility and programming for the park and is working closely with the Carillon and Edgemont neighborhoods, the Miami Valley Mountain Bike Association, CityWide, Dayton Children's Hospital, and others to design an attraction that will not only draw regional visitors but will continue to provide opportunities for families and Dayton Public Schools students to take advantage of and enjoy.

More information about the Dayton Bike Yard may be found at daytonohio.gov/bikeyard.

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